

PUMAMAKI EXPEDITIONS, INC.

ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

ECUADOR ADVENTURE

An incredible journey of discovery through the breathtaking Avenue of the Volcanoes, exquisite Colonial Cities, vibrant Indian markets, raging Waterfalls and mysterious Rain Forests.

Welcome to South America's best kept secret: ECUADOR!

DAILY ITINERARY

Day 1 Quito

Upon arrival in Quito, we will be met by our local representative and transferred to our hotel.

OVERNIGHT

Day 2 Quito

After breakfast we will make our first stop at our global giving destination. Gathering our extra pieces of luggage, we board our minibus for about a 15 - 25 minute ride. Upon our arrival we are briefed by the director and given a tour of the facilities. We then begin to distribute our goods to the needy and spend the morning there. Our lunch is at the crest of an inactive volcano where our view is of the farmland in the depths of this equator. We have the rest of the afternoon on our own to explore many of the fascinating crevices of this town. We will have a delightful welcome dinner at a fine restaurant.

OVERNIGHT

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 Quito

After breakfast our day's activities will include a visit to the Equator Line Monument where we can set foot on each Hemisphere at the same time! After lunch, we will visit our second global giving destination and spend the afternoon there. OVERNIGHT

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 Quito

After breakfast, we will ride through the clouds on Quito's new TelefériQo cable cars that climb to nearly 14,000 feet above sea level for a bird's eye view of the city and mountains. Here we are able to take a 1 hour tour of the Presidential Palace where a guide describes many of the decorated rooms in the palace. After lunch in town, we will make our way to our third global giving stop and spend the afternoon mingling with the needy.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 5 Otavalo - Cotacachi

After breakfast we take a ride north of Quito to Otavalo to visit one of the largest Quechua Indian markets. Explore the winding streets full of individual stalls that have hand-made goods, woven items, alpaca sweaters, socks, and gloves. After lunch we take another short ride to Cotacachi, home of the leather goods.

OVERNIGHT

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 Amazon Basin

Today we leave Quito towards all of the mystery of the Amazon Region. The road leads us through verdant valleys, climbing high past the Eastern Andean range and through the cloud forest to arrive to Casa del Suizo in the afternoon. This beautiful Lodge is set high above the Napo River in the heart of the Amazonian Jungles of Ecuador.

OVERNIGHT

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 Amazon Basin

The rain forest awaits us to show us some of its secrets. Led by our Native guide, we will experience the jungle in a new light: monkeys, toucans and poison-dart frogs are some of the animals we might encounter. We will also float down one of the small tributaries of the Napo on inner tubes and also visit the area's Animal Rescue Center.

OVERNIGHT

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 8 Amazon Basin

Our hike today is in the Primary Forest, virtually untouched for hundreds of years, where our guide will show us the many medicinal plants the jungle produces. In the afternoon, we will visit the home of a Quechua Indian family to experience their way of life. We make our way back to Quito in the evening.

OVERNIGHT

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 9 Quito

After breakfast, we tour the museum of Guayasamin, an artist that had put Ecuador on the map. Born in 1919, Oswaldo Guayasamin studied art in his native Ecuador and eventually became one of the world's well-known artists. Today we will visit La Capilla del Hombre ("The Chapel of Man"), a museum dedicated to man's cruelty to man and the potential man has toward greatness for humanity. Also, we will visit his home. In the afternoon, we will wrap up our city tour. Tonight we will have our farewell dinner.

OVERNIGHT

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 10 Quito

Transfer to the airport for your flight back to the U.S.

Breakfast

GLOBAL GIVING TRIP DETAILS

Included:

- Roundtrip airfare from U.S. to Quito, Ecuador
- Services of English-speaking, licensed guide/coordinator throughout the trip
- All transportation in comfortable Tourism coaches
- All meals, as indicated in itinerary, **excluding** drinks at meals
- Accommodations in double-occupancy facilities in Quito, and Casa del Suizo
- All tours and activities, as described in itinerary
- Local service and value added taxes (VAT or IVA in Spanish)

NOT Included:

- MANDATORY Trip Insurance (about \$100 per student/participant)
- Items of a personal nature (i.e., phone calls, souvenirs, laundry, etc.)
- Beverages at meals in restaurants and at airports during our transport
- Ecuador departure tax of U.S. \$40.80 per person (subject to change without previous notice)
- Gratuities for Guide, Driver and Waiters, Activity Guides

Climate

The Andean area of Ecuador has a very pleasant temperature all year. June is the end of the rainy season, called "invierno" in Spanish, since it tends to rain in the afternoons. Highs will typically be in the low 70's and in a cool evening the temperature can drop to the low 50's. One has to be prepared for rapid changes of temperature throughout the day.

In the Amazon Region temperatures are considerably higher, high 80's during the daytime and the 60's in the evening. Humidity is close to 100%.

Clothing

Mountain weather calls for layers of clothes for outdoor activities. Fleece tops or sweatshirts are very handy. A lined outdoor jacket, gloves and knit hats are useful. Hiking boots/shoes are appropriate for some of our hikes and Teva-style sandals are perfect for rafting. For the Amazon region, light clothes are a must, but also long trousers and long-sleeved shirts for our jungle walks. Don't forget plenty of mosquito repellent for rafting and river activities.

Altitude

All travelers to Ecuador must take into consideration that Quito and the rest of the areas visited are all above 8,000 feet above sea level. It is normal to feel short of breath and/or a headache the first day; drink plenty of liquids and do not overexert yourself. Remember, all activities are

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optional. The sun is also stronger, since in the Andes it is "closer" to us. Protect yourself with lots of sun block!

Currency

Since September 2000, Ecuador has adopted the U.S. dollar as its only currency. It is not necessary to exchange money at all! Bills and coins come from the U.S.; but Ecuador also has its own coins (same sizes and denominations) which are used indistinctively.

Terms and Conditions

Pumamaki Expeditions, Inc., and its cooperating agents make every effort to select reliable suppliers and contractors to provide transportation, hotels, guides and other travel-related services; but we do not assume responsibility directly, or indirectly, for any loss, damages or injury to property or person in connection with such services. Each traveler agrees not to hold Pumamaki Expeditions, Inc., its owners, employees, agents or representatives liable, in the absence of their own gross negligence, for any loss or injury, expense or damage which results directly or indirectly from any act or omission of any person or firm which is to or does provide goods or services in connection with the trip or with any available option.

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Safety and Trip Enjoyment

Your Ecuador Adventure Trip is planned in areas where the environment can sometimes lead to unpredictable conditions. Your safety is our first concern. It is important to remember that this trip will take place in wilderness environments, often far from hospital services. Engaging in activities like hiking, biking, white water rafting and horseback riding in natural environments entail certain inherent risks. To avoid possibly dangerous situations, it is extremely important that all travelers obey the rules and regulations set forth by the organizers and/or local guides. We reserve the right to prohibit any traveler from continuing on a planned activity if, in our opinion, that traveler's actions pose a threat to the safety of himself/herself, others or to the wildlife; or if that traveler's actions or behaviors are seriously jeopardizing the enjoyment of the trip for others.

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Cancellation and Refund Policy

We understand how disappointing it can be for participants in the event they are forced to cancel their adventure. But we too plan for these adventures for quite a long period prior to your departure and must continuously send non-refundable payment to hotels and suppliers of transportation. Therefore, we must adhere to our cancellation policies.

The "initial non-refundable deposit" is non-refundable.

The "balance amount" may be refundable as follows:

- For all cancellations processed more than 46 days prior to trip departure, the "balance amount" shall be refunded subject to a \$100 cancellation fee
- For cancellations processed 30-45 days prior to trip departure, 50% of the "balance amount" shall be refunded.
- For cancellations processed less than 30 days prior to trip departure, no portion of the "balance amount" shall be refunded.
- If a participant doesn't participate in a schedule activity, **NO REFUND IS APPLICABLE.**

PLEASE NOTE: The information here noted is prepared well in advance of the trip departure date. Due to the nature of your Ecuador Adventure Trip, hotels, modes of transportation and in some cases, itineraries may change. If this does occur, we will attempt to provide similar facilities, but are not always able to do so. We hope you understand.

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